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STUART OPPOSES TAX EXEMPTIONS

He Warns Finance Committees
Against Class Distinctions for
Various Forms of Business.

MANUFACTURERS PROTEST

Senate and House Finance Com-
mittees Hear Delegations from
West-Addison Bills.

Speaking as a member of the State Advisory Board of Taxation before a joint session of the Finance Committee of the House and Senate last night, Governor Stuart made it plain that he would not agree to a policy of exemptions which would give to some forms of business a lower burden of taxation than is accorded to others. He agreed that if the way could be devised, there might be some relief for the manufacturer who has made a temporary loan just before the taxing date—February 1—but he did not include it as part of his working capital for any considerable period.

The only change made by the segregation system of taxation, the Governor explained, had been to reduce the rate. As a result of that reduction, the manufacturers are complaining that they have not been reduced as much as the manufacturers. The Governor, speaking for the State Advisory Board, warned the committees against inaugurating any policy of exemptions which would in the end work serious inequalities and make great burdens on the State's revenues.

WANT TAX BASED ON NET CAPITAL INVESTED

Vigorously protesting against the interpretation of the tax law under which manufacturers are taxed on their gross assets rather than on their net capital in business, a delegation of manufacturers, headed by John W. Craddock, of Lynchburg, appeared before the joint committee in support of the measure introduced in the Senate by Senators West and Addison, intended to relieve the situation complained of by the manufacturing concerns of the State.

The delegation represented that the present method of taxation is a heavy burden placed on the State's revenues, and that the manufacturers are being taxed on their gross assets, which includes their land, buildings, and other fixed property, without regard to the value of their business, which has been in vogue for thirty or forty years, and was being applied to the manufacturers of the State.

ENDAVORING TO CONSERVE BEST INTERESTS OF STATE

Mr. Craddock announced at the outset that he was representing the manufacturing interests of the State, and was endeavoring to conserve the best interests of the State without regard to class or industry. The State, he said, had a fixed policy of taxation on its business property, which has been in vogue for thirty or forty years, and was being applied to the manufacturers of the State.

Mr. Craddock said, Virginia is discriminating against her own industries, and is keeping out of the State enterprises that would help materially in the development of her resources. Under the tax law, a corporation in the State, doing business in Virginia under a New Jersey charter is taxed only on its physical property and its capital used in carrying on its business in the State, but under a Virginia charter it is taxed on the business it does in the State for forty years.

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Reference was made to Major William H. Sands, the examiner of records for the State, who had been called to the House and Senate Finance Committees, asking them either to enforce the omitted tax rule for the entire State or to permit the back assessments to be made by him against Richmond men and firms failing to declare property for years preceding 1915.

Mr. Craddock called attention to the impossibility of acquiring in the possession of Major Sands, but said that it was a sufficient offer since the Auditor's books showed that Major Sands had already received \$22,000 on account and would probably get as much more for his work since last spring up to date.

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Mr. Craddock stated that the law was little understood at present, that local boards, and even the State Advisory Board, did not quite know what was intended, and he urged the passage of a law to define what was intended, the number of houses in the various provinces of Belgium which were burned by the Germans.

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Kills Policeman and Seriously
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Sensational Robbery.

CHICAGO, January 21.—A bandit, accompanied by a woman, robbed the tourist agency of Thomas A. Cook & Son of \$5,000 today, wounded the cashier, killed a policeman and escaped.

According to the police the deed was the most daring of years in this city. It was accomplished on one of the busiest streets of the downtown district at an hour when the thoroughfare was congested with automobiles and workers on their way home.

The woman did not participate in the actual robbery. She ordered a taxi cab at the Great Northern Hotel and John McCabe responded. The woman instructed him to drive to 15 East Jackson Street, the Cook office. There she waited without alighting.

Alighting the robber had entered the office. The cashier, Ernest L. Walsh, attempted to reach a revolver, but was shot and painfully injured, and backed into a vault with four other employees. A. A. Johnson, a traffic policeman, was attracted to the scene, but the bandit had locked the door after entering. Johnson was trying to force an entrance when the robber fired three times and fired a bullet into the officer's head.

The robber scattered the throng on the sidewalk and leaped toward the taxi cab. Pointing his weapon toward McCabe, the robber ordered him to drive away, but McCabe jumped. The bandit hesitated a moment and then sped in an alley. The woman followed. She seized for a moment at the face of the dead policeman, and according to witnesses, seemed about to faint, but recovered and disappeared in the crowd.

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WOULD BAR LIQUOR IN FRATERNITIES

Anti-Saloon League Adopts Re-
port of Legislative Com-
mittee as a Whole.

LIMIT PERSONAL ALLOWANCE

Several Speakers Express Dis-
satisfaction With Terms of
Addison-Strode Bill.

With the final adoption by sections and in full of the legislative report on yesterday morning, the Anti-Saloon League indicated, both by the report and particularly by the discussions on the floor of the convention during its consideration, that the organization desires to leave no loophole whereby the prohibition laws of Virginia may be violated. The main argument on the report on yesterday morning consisted of what legislation should be enacted to cut down the personal consumption of whisky to the smallest possible monthly allowance, and at the same time to give sufficient personal freedom to bona fide users of the goods and to give no chance to those who might wish to import liquor for sale in violation of the prohibition law.

The argument came up in the discussion, led by Rev. James Cannon, Jr., regarding the clubhouse feature. Mr. Cannon announced that a special request had been made to the legislative committee to include in the measure a law designed to consider fraternity societies which sold and to prohibit the drinking or keeping of whisky in them. The letter was from a well-known college president, he stated.

DEBATE QUESTION OF AMOUNT ONE MAY HAVE

Speeches on the quantity of whisky that should be allowed for personal use were made by many of the delegates present, among whom was Mrs. Howard M. Hoge, president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Mrs. Hoge, who has a copy of the Addison-Strode bill in her pocket, stated that, in her opinion, the league should not permit the amount of whisky indicated by the bill to be allowed one person. She was of the opinion that, according to its terms, one could have two gallons of beer and five gallons of whisky each month, and, according to her interpretation, would allow one to have this amount on hand at any one time. Dr. Cannon and others stated their belief that the bill was ambiguous, and that it should be made specific. No member who spoke was willing to allow such a quantity to the consumer without the strictest control. While it was generally understood by the convention that the framers of the bill intended that having more than the sum specified would constitute prima facie evidence of intent to break the law, still they were unwilling to allow one to have anything like this amount.

PROPOSED OUSTER LAW MEETS WITH APPROVAL

There was no discussion on the ouster law after its intent was explained by Dr. Cannon. Briefly, the act will provide for the discharge of any official who refuses to obey the law. The trial of such official will take precedence over all other cases on the docket of the judge who tries the case.

The clubhouse feature was discussed at some length. It was declared by Dr. Cannon to be the last refuge of the man who wants to ignore the law. The discussion which followed showed plainly that the clubhouse feature of drinking must go. The boarding-house and hotel was also discussed, and it was finally agreed that the home was the only place where one would be allowed to keep whisky. If one lived in a house, he would be allowed to keep it in the sense that he would be allowed to keep whisky therein. There will be special provisions relating to hotel proprietors and bell boys.

REGARD ADDISON-STRODE BILL AS AMBIGUOUS

The discussion of the Addison-Strode bill was entered into in a vigorous manner when it was stated that the league would not support this bill. Several speakers stated that they did not desire to enter into any controversy with Senator Strode; in fact, they wished to thank him for the work he has done in the past, but that they believed the bill was ambiguous.

Practically all of the stated program was omitted. Neither Richard Evelyn Byrd nor former Governor Mann, who were to discuss "Penalties for Law Violation and the Ouster Law," was present. The address which was to have been delivered by Dr. George W. Young was not given, because of the illness of the speaker, who was compelled to return to his home in Louisville.

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EXPLAINS TO GLASS REASONS FOR TOUR

President Thinks Congress Does
Not Realize Country's De-
mand for Preparedness.

WILL ASK SUPPORT OF PEOPLE

Expected to Accept Invitation to
Address Virginia General
Assembly.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WASHINGTON, January 21.—President Wilson in a letter to Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, today made clear in his own words why he will make a stumping tour of the country for the purpose of arousing public sentiment in behalf of the national defense legislation now pending in Congress.

The President expressed the opinion that Congress does not "quite realize the genuine demand of the country for an adequate plan for preparation for national defense," and "I feel that it is my duty to explain this matter to the country and summon its support."

The letter was written to Mr. Glass, desiring an invitation to make an address at Lynchburg, the Representative's home city, before the Joint State Conference of Churches and Corrections and Juvenile Association. This invitation was extended by Mr. Glass and a delegation of Lynchburg citizens last week. The President's declaration of the invitation is regarded by members of the Virginia delegation as increasing his acceptance of an invitation to address the Virginia General Assembly, which will be extended to him Monday.

EXPLAINS WHY HE CANNOT VISIT LYNCHBURG NOW

"My Dear Mr. Glass,—It goes mighty hard to say that I cannot respond affirmatively to the very attractive invitation in which you participated, extending to me to visit Lynchburg, but I want frankly to tell you just why it seems to me impossible. I do not think that the Congress quite realizes the genuine demand of the country for an adequate plan of preparation for national defense. I feel that it is my duty to explain this matter to the country and summon its support, and that I ought to devote my whole energy, without turning aside, to the business of this session, in which I want to be of assistance in every possible and legitimate way."

"In such circumstances, it seems clearly impossible for me to prepare anything like a speech, and I would utter on such an occasion as that which is being planned for in Lynchburg. Will you not be generous enough to explain this to the gentlemen who were so kind and courteous to see me the other day with you and urge this invitation upon me?"

ARMY BILL ONLY ONE FIXING DEFINITE POLICY

General Bliss said the War Department army bill was the only one which appeared satisfactory or to contemplate a definite policy. The War College division of the general staff, he said, has fixed 500,000 men, more or less, as the irreducible minimum necessary for the country's safety in the first shock of war.

The proposal to increase the regular army to 250,000, as suggested in Senator Chamberlain's tentative bill, he said, was wholly inadequate by itself. Moreover, he added, it was impossible to recruit a larger force than 100,000 men as proposed by Secretary Garrison, for the regular army without increasing pay or otherwise giving added inducements. He disapproved short enlistments to build up a regular reserve, saying this would make it necessary to recruit 200,000 or more men annually.

UNUSUAL CONDITION IN NORTH CAROLINA DELEGATION

An unusual condition of affairs developed today in the North Carolina delegation in regard to the President's program to save the "better preparedness" program. The delegation, composed of Charles and Charlotte wired members of the North Carolina delegation in the course of present invitations to the President to speak in those cities. Some of the North Carolinians have declined to take any part in presenting the invitation to the President, or to accept of their opposition to the administration's program. So far as can be learned, Representatives Small, Fox and Britt, the latter a Republican, are the only ones who have indicated that they will go to the White House and formally ask the President to visit their State. This feeling in the North Carolina delegation is regarded as indicating that the President will make a tour of the South after going through the West, because there is serious opposition to the President's "better preparedness" legislation among the southern members of Congress which has not been uncovered. A number of the President's friends in the House realize that the Southern people must be persuaded to "get behind" their Congressmen if the administration is to have the support of the South.

FIRST TOUR WILL INCLUDE SEVEN STATES IN WEST

WASHINGTON, January 21.—President Wilson, speaking tour through the Middle West in support of preparedness, will begin on January 28, and will include seven cities, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Topeka and Kansas City. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, and will return to Washington on February 1.

The President and Mrs. Wilson left Washington tonight on the naval yacht Mayflower for a two-day cruise down the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay, the President having decided to seek seclusion for the preparation of an address he will deliver on January 27 in New York before a banquet of the Railroad Business Association, and to outline a speech on preparedness to be made in the Middle West.

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Russians Temporarily Cease Attacks Against Austro-Hungarian Forces

THE cessation, by reason of heavy casualties, of the heavy Russian attacks against the Austro-Hungarian forces near the Hoeschlin front, the capture by the Russians from the Turks of the town of Sultanabad, Persia, and the taking from the Germans by the British of additional towns in the Kamerun district of Africa, are the principal features of the fighting contained in the latest official communications.

There also have been small engagements in Russia, in the region of Guryorsk and around Potiski artillery and mining operations along the front in France and Belgium, and a continuation of the infantry attacks in the Austro-Italian theater. In none of these, however, have any great results been attained.

UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT TO GARRISON ARMY PLAN

Given Before Senate Military Com-
mittee by Major-Generals
Scott and Bliss.

Both Express Opinion That Universal
Service Is Only Ideal Method,
but Do Not Believe Country Will
Tolerate Proposal Now.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 21.—Unqualified support was given Secretary Garrison's continental army plan before the Senate Military Committee today by Major-General Scott and Major-General Bliss, respectively chief and assistant chief of staff of the army. Both amplified statements made last week before the House committee.

General Scott declared the plan would save at least six months' time in the building up of an army of defense in a war emergency. He advocated immediate organization of a reserve corps of officers, actually by commission, assigned to the posts they would take in time of war.

THREE AUSTRIAN ARMIES ADVANCE ON MONTENEGRO

By Swift and Determined Effort
Will Attempt to Exterminate
Nicholas's Forces.

Body of Defending Troops Falling
Back to Scutari, Where, Aided by
29,000 Friendly Albanians, Stand
Will Be Made.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
LONDON, January 21.—The Austrians have replied to King Nicholas's return to the war by a swift and determined effort to exterminate the Montenegrin army.

Three Austrian armies have renewed their offensive with redoubled strength, according to a dispatch published in the Paris Times.

CORONATION POSTPONED

Yuan Shi Kai Gives Order Because of
Disturbed Conditions in South-
ern China.

PEKING, January 21.—The coronation of Yuan Shi Kai as Emperor of China has been postponed indefinitely. The reason given for the postponement is the disturbed conditions in the South.

The Foreign Office notified the various legations today that the Chinese government had decided that the enthronement would take place early in February, but that Yuan Shi Kai had issued an order canceling the arrangements in view of the disturbances in Yunnan Province. No intimation was given when the enthronement will take place.

RUSSIAN COLUMNS WIN VICTORY IN PERSIA

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
LONDON, January 21.—Russian columns operating in Persia have won another victory there, according to a dispatch from Teheran. They have occupied Sultanabad, which is 150 miles southwest of Teheran, and sixty miles southeast of Hamadan, the old capital of Shushan, where Esther was a throne.

The Turkish garrison of Sultanabad has fled to Burudird, and the German consul fled with them.

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Action Determined Upon at
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in November.

FACT OF CONSPIRACY JUST COMES TO LIGHT

Also Reach Decision to Concen-
trate in Campaign Against
Carranza.

FEW DETAILS ARE YET KNOWN

Money May Be Forthcoming to
Finance Revolution of Con-
siderable Scale.

Carranza Officials Deny Capture of Villa

EL PASO, TEX., January 21.—Death of Carranza official sources in El Paso today had been captured, as reported from Chihuahua, was supplemented today by statements from Villa partisans here, alleged to be based on reliable information, that he and several hundred followers were safe in the Tarahumara Mountains, west of Guerrero.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 21.—Death to Americans in Mexico and destruction of their property, as well as war to a finish against Carranza, was determined upon, it became known here tonight, at a formal convention of Mexican revolutionary leaders held in November at a ranch near Cordoba. Present and joining in the agreement are said to have been representatives of Villa, Zapata, Arguendo, Higienito Aguilar, the Cedillo brothers, and many less chiefs.

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